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**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-14. (canceled)

15. (Currently Amended) A timepiece comprising a middle, a watch movement housed in the middle, a transceiver circuit associated with said movement and an antenna connected to said transceiver circuit, said antenna being formed by a solid electrically conductive monobloc mass having the shape of at least a portion of a ring, ~~this~~ said mass being disposed on an outer periphery of said middle so as to be externally visible, said antenna being connected to the transceiver circuit by a conductor passing through ~~the~~ a wall of the middle on a portion of its thickness.

16. (Currently Amended) The timepiece according to claim 15, wherein said conductive solid mass forms a decorative portion ~~thereof~~ contributing to an appearance of said timepiece.

17. (Currently Amended) The timepiece according to claim 15, wherein said conductive solid mass is engaged in a groove

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made in ~~the~~ a lateral surface of the middle, ~~its outer surface~~  
~~just touching the lateral surface of the middle.~~

18. (Currently Amended) The timepiece according to claim 16, wherein said timepiece includes a glass disk and said conductive solid mass forms at least a portion of a bezel ~~of the piece~~ surrounding the said glass disk ~~of the latter.~~

19. (Previously Presented) The timepiece according to claim 15, wherein said conductive solid mass constitutes a closed ring.

20. (Currently Amended) The timepiece according to claim 15, wherein said middle ~~being~~ is made of electrically conductive material, said conductive solid mass ~~is~~ being separated therefrom by an insulator.

21. (Previously Presented) The timepiece according to claim 20, wherein said insulator is made of a material chosen from the group consisting of the nitrile rubbers, hydrogenated nitrile rubbers, polyurethanes, silicones, polymers and ceramics.

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22. (Previously Presented) The timepiece according to claim 20, wherein said conductive solid mass and said insulator are fixedly attached to said middle by at least one of the following operations: chasing, screwing, bonding, brazing, crimping and/or riveting.

23. (Currently Amended) The timepiece according to claim 15, wherein said conductive solid mass is made of ~~a metal such as~~ material from the group consisting of stainless steel, ~~or a gold alloy or made of an agglomerated composite mass, in and~~ zirconia ~~for example,~~ charged with conductive particles.

24. (Previously Presented) The timepiece according to claim 23, wherein said solid conductive mass is coated rhodium or diamond.

25. (Previously Presented) The timepiece according to claim 15, further comprising a conductive element forming a ground plane for said antenna.

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26. (Currently Amended) The timepiece according to claim 25, wherein said middle ~~being~~ is metallic, said element forming the ground plane ~~consists of the~~ including a back of said middle.

27. (Currently Amended) The timepiece according to claim 25, wherein said middle ~~being~~ is made of an electrically nonconductive material, said element forming the ground plane ~~consists of~~ including a metal disk placed inside the middle against ~~the~~ a back thereof.

28. (Currently Amended) The timepiece according to claim 15, wherein said antenna is ~~of a~~ a capacitive antenna ~~type~~ and is connected directly to said transceiver circuit.

29. (Previously Presented) The timepiece according to claim 15, wherein said timepiece is a wristwatch and said conductive solid mass forms an outer face of said wristwatch.

30. (New) A timepiece comprising a middle, a watch movement with an associated transceiver circuit housed within the middle, and an external antenna affixed to an outer periphery of said middle, said antenna being formed by a solid electrically

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conductive monobloc mass having the shape of at least a portion of a ring and being connected to the transceiver circuit by a conductor passing through a wall of the middle.

31. (New) The timepiece according to claim 30, wherein said conductive solid mass is engaged in a groove made in a lateral surface of the middle.

32. (New) The timepiece according to claim 30, wherein said timepiece includes a glass disk and said conductive solid mass forms at least a portion of a bezel surrounding said glass disk.

33. (New) The timepiece according to claim 30, wherein said conductive solid mass constitutes a closed ring.

34. (New) The timepiece according to claim 30, wherein said timepiece is a wristwatch and said conductive solid mass forms an outer face or a bezel of said wristwatch.